

**REMARKS**

Claims 1- 23 remain pending in the application, claims 24-29 having been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, and thus are canceled herein.

**Restriction Requirement**

The Applicants hereby affirm election of the Group I claims 1-23, drawn to maintaining data-based link integrity in a powered down network device, with traverse.

**Allowable Claims 5-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 21-23**

In the Office Action, claims 5-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 21-23 were objected to for being dependent from a rejected base claim. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 5-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 21-23 would be **allowable** if rewritten in independent form.

**Drawing Objection**

The drawings were objected to for containing reference characters allegedly not mentioned in the description. The specification is amended herein to include the reference numeral 108 shown in Fig. 1 as originally filed, and reference numerals 202 and 204 shown in Fig. 2 as originally filed. No new matter is added, as these objects are clearly shown as described in Figs. 1 and 2 as originally filed. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

**Claims 1-4, 8, 16 and 20 over Kolinski and Bays**

Claims 1-4, 8, 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,092,207 to Kolinski et al. ("Kolinski"); and claims 1-4, 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,282,666 to Bays et al. ("Bays"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1-4 and 8 are amended herein to include the **ALLOWABLE** subject matter of claims 5-7, 10 and 12, which each specifically define the network device as being at least one of a HomePNA device, a BLUETOOTH device, a Homeplug device, a wired device, a power line device, or a wireless device. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 8 are now allowable for all the reasons that claims 5-7, 10 and 12 are allowable.

Similarly, claim 16 is amended herein to include the **ALLOWABLE** subject matter of claims 17-19, and claim 20 is amended herein to include the **ALLOWABLE** subject matter of claims 21-23. Thus, claims 16 and 20 now each specifically define the network device as being at least one of a HomePNA device, a BLUETOOTH device, or a Homeplug device. It is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 20 are now allowable for all the reasons that claims 17-19 and 21-23 are allowable.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1-4, 8, 16 and 20 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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